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TAGS: OVIP (DEMETRIO B. LAKAS); PN

SUBJ: PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL

1. PRESIDENT LAKAS HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE PLANS EARLY TRIP TO US FOR MEDICAL CHECKUP, WHICH IS YEARLY PRACTICE. HE PROPOSES LEAVE PANAMA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, FOR HOUSTON WHERE HE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL FOR TESTS TO BEGIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17. CHECKUP WILL LAST UNTIL THURSDAY THAT WEEK. HE THEN PLANS FLY TO DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA FOR VISITS WITH OLD COLLEGE CHUMS AND OTHER FRIENDS. HE THEN PLANS TO FLY TO GREECE (PROBABLY VIA NEW YORK) FOR FEW DAYS VISIT WITH HIS SISTER WHO IS PANAMANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN ATHENS. HE WILL TRAVEL FROM PANAMA TO HOUSTON AND ON TO DALLAS-FORT WORTH ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL PLANE (ELECTRA). HE WILL GO TO GREECE COMMERCIALY.

2. PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL (PROBABLY TWO DOCTORS) AND BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GUARDIA NACIONAL, INCLUDING PERSONAL BODYGUARDS AND ESCORT OFFICER, MAJ. FISHER, COMMANDER 2ND MILITARY ZONE. NO WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY.

3. WE WILL NEED TO ARRANGE FLIGHT CLEARANCES INTO HOUSTON AND ONWARD TO DALLAS-FORT WORTH. YOU WILL ALSO
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WISH TO CONTACT SECRET SERVICE REGARDING SECURITY ARRANGE-

MENTS.

4. I WILL BE SENDING FLIGHT DETAILS, INCLUDING
AIRCRAFT NUMBER, PLUS PASSENGER LIST AS SOON AS AVAILABLE
BUT YOU CAN START WHEELS TURNING ON BASIS OF ABOVE.

5. FOR BACKGROUND ONLY: PRESIDENT HAS BEEN BOTHERED
BY BRONCHIAL CONGESTION, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SOME KIDNEY
PROBLEMS AND MOST RECENTLY AN ATTACK OF GASTROENTERITIS.
HE IS, OF COURSE, GREATLY OVERWEIGHT.
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